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SUBJECT: MAJOR PORJECT: CHANGE TO ELECTRONIC SWITCHING IN TELEPHONE
EXCHANGES; VENEZUELA TO SAINT THOMAS CABLE LINK

REF: STATE 184011; CARACAS 7278; MEMO 3/9/77 A/OC-N JACARUSO TO
ARA/AND SONANDRES

1. DR. ARMANDO GUIA, FORMER VICE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS AND NOW PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSIONER FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPON HIS RETURN FROM STUDY TRIP TO US
ARRANGED BY MEPD AND WESTERN ELECTRIC REPORTED TO BOARD
OF DIRCTORS OF CANTV, THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY. ACCORDING
TO GUIA, CANTV NOW APPEARS TO BE IMPRESSED WITH WAY IN WHICH
ESS IS HANDLED IN US AND WISHES TO SPEED UP TIMETABLE
FOR CHANGEOVER. OVER SHORT-TERM CANTV IS REPORTEDLY INTERESTED
IN INSTALLING ESS MACHING FOR INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE OPERATION.
BY 1981 PROJECTED NEW INSTALLATION ANNUALLY WILL RUN AT 150,000
LINES, SUBSTANTIALLY ALL WITH ESS CENTRALS IN URBAN CENTERS.

2. IN FACT, GUIA HAS SUGGESTED THAT DR. ENRIQUE NARCISO, PRESIDENT
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OF CANTV SHOULD VISIT WESTERN ELECTRIC ATT AND BELL LABS FACILITIES
AND WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR ARRANGING SAME TOUR AND BRIEFING FOR
HIM AS GIVEN TO CUIA.

3. IN ADDITION TO THIS PROPOSED VISIT, NARCISO PLUS GUIA WISH
TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO QUOTE TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE

VENEZUELA- SAINT THOMAS SUBMARINE CABLE, UNQUOTE. GUIA REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP CONVERSATIONS WITH FCC AUTHORITIES NEXT WEEK OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. GUIA UNDERSTANDS BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS HAS JUST HELD DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. ACTION REQUEST: FOR ARA/AND/V SARGENT.
EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE MEETING AS REQUESTED BY GUIA. ON ASSUMPTION THAT FCC POSITION IS STILL ESSENTIALLY OPPOSED TO VENEZUELAN DESIRES RE ACCESS TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LINK TO US, THE EMBASSY HOPES THE FCC RESONSE WILL BE SO COUCHED AS TO NOT JEOPARDIZE THE EXPORT INTERESTS OF US FIRMS WISHING TO SUPPLY ESS EQUIPMENT TO CANTV,

NOT TO MENTION FUTURE COLLABORATION OF FCC WITH MINISTRY NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.

FOR COMMERCE MEPD: WHEN TIMING FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH FCC SET, PLEASE ARRANGE WITH WESTERN ELECTRIC FOR BRIEFING FOR NARCISO IMMEDIATELY AFTER FCC DISCUSSIONS.
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